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## Materials Division Monthly Report

BRANCH: Food and Agriculture

Report for May 1958

I. AccomplishmentsA. Scheduled Reports and Contributions

- ✓ 1. Transmittal of Project 20.1517, NIS 26, USSR, Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
- ✓ 2. Transmittal of contribution to Project #20.1881, "Electric Power Consumption in the USSR."
- ✓ 3. Transmittal of "Preliminary Appraisal of the Reorganization of the USSR Timber Industry," a part of the Soviet NIE, Project #10.1806.
- 4. Transmitted NIS 18, Section 61 to M Division for review.

B. Support Projects

- ✓ 1. Part II Article on spring seeding the USSR, Project S#313.
- 2. Contribution to Project S#306, Preparation of material for briefing of Secretary Benson.
- 3. Memo submitted to Requirements Branch, St/I concerning "Requirements for Soviet corn specialists to visit Garst in summer of 1958."
- 25X1A9a ✓ 4. Memo to [REDACTED] (for Chief ERA), Evaluation of CS Reports, and M/Ag support of DD/P

C. Other Support Activities

- ✓ 1. Informal review of DDP paper dealing with Sino-Soviet Bloc agriculture.
- ✓ 2. M/AG analysts prepared comments on the JPRS Program for Chief, Documents Branch, St/I.
- 25X1A5a1 ✓ 3. Submitted Information on Statistical Average Collective Farms, for [REDACTED]
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- 25X1A9a 4. Messrs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] conferred with Mr. Chadwell, Army Chemical Corps, concerning data on the food situation in the USSR.
- 5. Submitted to Chief, Documents Branch, St/I concerning publication of Index of Southern Asia Accessions.
- ✓ 6. Memo submitted to Liaison Division, OCR concerning the releasing of air force materials to [REDACTED] 25X1X7
- ✓ 7. Memo submitted to SA/RR for transmission of letter to [REDACTED] concerning double cropping in Chinese agriculture. 25X1A9a
- ✓ 8. Memo submitted to St/I concerning "HWA Material and Other German Language Materials"

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- ✓ 9. Memo submitted to Chief, Analysis Division concerning "Recommended changes in the preliminary draft of Section 60, NIS 20."

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- 7 10. [REDACTED] presented a lecture on Chinese Agriculture at the Foreign Service Institute.

- ✓ 11. Memo submitted to USSR Branch, FDD concerning "Exploitation of Materials on Soviet Agriculture."

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- 8 12. Memo submitted to [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) concerning "Agricultural Matters".

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- 9 13. Preparation of an OCI Digest item concerning Khrushchev's speech at the opening of the Agricultural Exhibition.

II. Program

- A. Submitted to Chief St/A/ORR request for preliminary security clearance on individual tentatively being considered as possible candidates for the awarding of an external research contract on Chinese agriculture.

III. Administration

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- A. Memo submitted to Director of Training, OTR requesting withdrawal of [REDACTED] from Basic German Language RSW course.

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- ✓ [REDACTED] briefs [REDACTED]

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- ✓ C. Members of the Branch met several times with members of the group

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- D. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] met with [REDACTED]

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- E. [REDACTED] attended a meeting of the IAC Ad Hoc Committee on Exchanges, and participates in a discussion of U.S. -Soviet Agricultural Exchanges.

- F. Memo submitted to Director of Training, OTR requesting withdrawal of [REDACTED] from Rumanian Language Course 648.

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- G. Members of M/AG attended briefings by Air Weather Service on Current Weather Conditions in Bloc countries.

- H. Transmittal of M/AG Budget for Fiscal years 1959 and 1960.

IV. Comments - None

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